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James A. Euchner, et al.) Attorney Docket No.: F-660
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Filed: August 21, 2003) Group Art Unit: 2876
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Title: **POSTAGE INDICIA INCLUDING ENCODED INK CHARACTERISTIC DATA**

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This communication is submitted prior to the receipt of an Office Action. Entry of the following preliminary amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested:

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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